



# NOTICE OF RACE Spring Series 2026

89th Annual Race Series  
June 5 - 6, 2026

**Organizing Authority is the Off Soundings Club (OSC)**

[www.OffSoundings.org](http://www.OffSoundings.org)

## **1. RULES**

- 1.1. These races will be governed by the rules as defined by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All entrants shall have a current handicap certificate for PHRF or NEMA. See Rule 4 for details.
- 1.3. The registered Master(s) are considered the Person in Charge and at least one Master shall be aboard while racing.
- 1.4. Sail numbers shall conform to mainsail numbers listed on a boat's event registration.
- 1.5. If jib or spinnaker displays a different number, please make note when registering in the Comments section on Yacht Scoring.
- 1.6. All boats shall meet the current Off Soundings Club (OSC) Safety Equipment Requirements posted on the club website at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 1.7. Participants on boats without lifelines must wear life jackets while racing.

## **2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions and Scratch Sheets for each series shall be posted online several days prior to the first race.
- 2.2. Race documents will not be mailed or distributed on the water.

## **3. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 3.1. The OSC Yacht Scoring Events Page is the Official Notice Board. It is the primary source of Race Documents including venue info, safety procedures, forms, Scratch Sheets and Race Official contacts. Access Yacht Scoring through [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 3.2. The Race Committee will broadcast on and monitor VHF Ch. 72.
- 3.3. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 72.

## **4. ELIGIBILITY**

- 4.1. Off Soundings Club welcomes all members and guests to participate in this event.
- 4.2. Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, One-Design and Multihull classes are offered.
- 4.3. Boats shall have a current rating certificate from PHRF-Eastern Connecticut, The Off Soundings Club or from the New England Multihull Association.
- 4.4. The minimum LOA is 23.75 feet and the maximum LOA is 62 feet. The F22 multihull class may race with proper handicap certificate.
- 4.5. The maximum PHRF rating is 275.
- 4.6. Boats shall contain a self-bailing cockpit, be outfitted as the manufacturer intended and as reflected in their current rating certificate.
- 4.7. Guests may race in 2 series over 2 years before membership is required.

## **5. ENTRY DEADLINES AND FEES**

- 5.1. Entry fee is \$150.00 per boat per series.
- 5.2. Adult Party tickets are \$15 each to gain access to the party tent, \$1 for under 18.
- 5.3. Entrants register and pay online using Yacht Scoring linked from [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 5.4. Spring Series **deadline** for registration and payment is 1800, Friday, 5/23/26.

- 5.5. Late entries will not be accepted.
- 5.6. Guests must have a Sponsor who is an Off Soundings member.
- 5.7. If you are not a member please contact Paul Jennings, Membership Committee Chairman before registering to race. pauljenningspe@msn.com. Please plan ahead.

## 6. SCHEDULES AND VENUES

- 6.1. The Spring Series will start off Watch Hill on Friday, June 5th and race to Block Island. First warning is scheduled at 1025.
- 6.2. Saturday, June 6, the fleet will start off New Harbor and race in the vicinity of Block Island. First warning Saturday is scheduled at 0955.
- 6.3. There will be one race on each day of the Series.
- 6.4. The courses will be determined by the Race Committee on race day as a list of government and/or drop marks identified in the Sailing Instructions.
- 6.5. The Race Committee may move the start area if weather conditions provide a better option. Competitors will be notified by VHF radio and text.

## 7. MEASUREMENT, HANDICAPS AND CLASSES

- 7.1. PHRF–Eastern Connecticut certificates available at [ECSA.net](http://ECSA.net), NEMA certificates are available at [NEMAsail.org](http://NEMAsail.org), Off Soundings Certificate forms at [offsoundings.org](http://offsoundings.org).
- 7.2. PHRF handicaps are rationalized based on the work of PHRF–Eastern Connecticut and any additional information developed by the OSC Technical Committee.
- 7.3. Classes listed on Yacht Scoring are meant as a guide for registering a boat based on rating and previous classes. Entrants will be assigned to final classes by the Classification Committee.
- 7.4. Class flags will be designated on Yacht Scoring and in the Sailing Instructions. Flags shall be no less than 12" x 15" (Size 0) and flown from the bow pulpit while racing.

## 8. SCORING AND PENALTIES

- 8.1. One race shall be completed to constitute the series.
- 8.2. Race results are calculated Using the Time–on–Time method. .
- 8.3. Results are based on the Low Point system, *RRS Appendix A. RRS A5.3* shall apply.
- 8.4. In the Spring Series, PHRF Random Leg (PHRF R/L) handicaps will be used for races.
- 8.5. Performance Penalty Points (PPP) are assigned to the top 3 finishers in each PHRF class per series and will affect their rating in subsequent series races. (1<sup>st</sup>=3, 2<sup>nd</sup>=2, 3<sup>rd</sup>=1).
- 8.6. Each PPP equals 8 seconds per point subtracted from a boat's PHRF handicap. The PPP is listed as Burden of Winning (BOW) on Yacht Scoring.
- 8.7. BOW Penalties accumulate to a maximum of 9 and expire after 3 series in the order they were achieved.
- 8.8. Race results are utilized for three purposes, using specific TCF calculations:
  - 8.8.1. **Series Trophies** are awarded for Spring and Fall, combining results from each race using the Time Correction Formula (TCF) of  $600/(480+(PHRF-BOW))$ .
  - 8.8.2. **ECSA points** are awarded for each race using the TCF formula without BOW.  $TCF=650/(550+PHRF)$
  - 8.8.3. **Perpetual Trophies** are 1 and 2–year trophies for Off Soundings members only, using results from each race without BOW.  $TCF=600/(480+PHRF)$ .

## 9. MORE INFORMATION

- Registration – Race Secretary Anne Wilkinson at [raceosc@gmail.com](mailto:raceosc@gmail.com).  
Technical Committee –Paul von Maffei at [pvm461@yahoo.com](mailto:pvm461@yahoo.com).  
Guest Invitations and Membership – Paul Jennings. pauljenningspe@msn.com.  
Race Committee Chairman – Greg Gilmartin at [prorcosc@gmail.com](mailto:prorcosc@gmail.com)